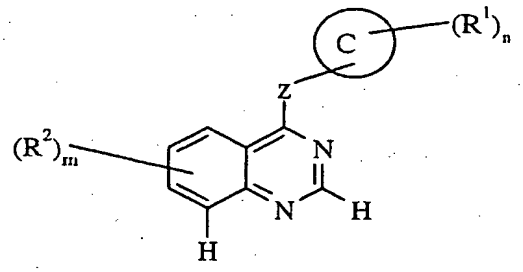
CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula I:



(I)

wherein:

ring C is an 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13-membered bicyclic or tricyclic moiety which moiety may be saturated or unsaturated, which may be aromatic or non-aromatic, and which optionally may contain 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S;

Z is -O-, -NH- or -S-;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

R^2 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkylsulphanyl, $-NR^3R^4$ (wherein R^3 and R^4, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl), or R^5X^1- (wherein X^1 represents a direct bond, -O-, $-CH_2$-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^6C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^7$-, $-SO_2NR^8$-, $-NR^9SO_2$- or $-NR^{10}$- (wherein R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9 and R^{10} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^5 is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) hydrogen, oxiranylC_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

2) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^2C(O)R^{11}$ (wherein X^2 represents -O- or $-NR^{12}$- (in which R^{12} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{11} represents C_{1-3}alkyl, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$ or $-OR^{15}$ (wherein R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C_{1-5}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

3) C_{1-5}alkylX^3R^{16} (wherein X^3 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -OC(O)-, $-NR^{17}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{18}$-, $-SO_2NR^{19}$-, $-NR^{20}SO_2$- or $-NR^{21}$- (wherein R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20} and R^{21} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{16} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

4) C_{1-5}alkylX^4C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22} (wherein X^4 and X^5 which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{23}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{24}$-, $-SO_2NR^{25}$-, $-NR^{26}SO_2$- or $-NR^{27}$- (wherein R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26} and R^{27} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{22} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl);

5) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

6) C_{1-5}alkylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

8) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

9) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, $-C(O)NR^{30}R^{31}$, $-NR^{32}C(O)R^{33}$ (wherein R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32} and R^{33}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and a group $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

10) C_{1-5}alkylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

11) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

12) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

13) C_{1-5}alkylX^6R^{29} (wherein X^6 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{34}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{35}-$, $-SO_2NR^{36}-$, $-NR^{37}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{38}-$ (wherein R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{36}, R^{37} and R^{38} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

14) C_{2-5}alkenylX^7R^{29} (wherein X^7 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{39}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{40}-$, $-SO_2NR^{41}-$, $-NR^{42}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{43}-$ (wherein R^{39}, R^{40}, R^{41}, R^{42} and R^{43} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

15) C_{2-5}alkynylX^8R^{29} (wherein X^8 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{44}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{45}-$, $-SO_2NR^{46}-$, $-NR^{47}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{48}-$ (wherein R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47} and R^{48} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

16) C_{1-4}alkylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{29} (wherein X^9 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{49}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{50}-$, $-SO_2NR^{51}-$, $-NR^{52}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{53}-$ (wherein R^{49}, R^{50}, R^{51}, R^{52} and R^{53} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

17) C_{1-4}alkylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-5}alkenylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

21) C_{2-5}alkynylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein); and

22) C_{1-4}alkyl$R^{54}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein X^9 is as defined herein, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R^{54} and R^{55} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl), with the proviso that R^{54} cannot be hydrogen);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in R^5X^1- which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

R^1 represents hydrogen, oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxymethyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-3}alkanoyloxy, nitro, C_{1-4}alkanoylamino, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphanyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphinyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C_{1-4}

$_4$alkyl)amino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)amino, a C_{3-7}alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms, C_{1-4}alkanoylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, carboxy or a group $R^{56}X^{10}$ (wherein X^{10} represents a direct bond, -O-, -CH_2-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -NR^{57}C(O)-, -C(O)NR^{58}-, -SO_2NR^{59}-, -$NR^{60}SO_2$- or -NR^{61}- (wherein R^{57}, R^{58}, R^{59}, R^{60} and R^{61} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^{56} is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) hydrogen, oxiranylC_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

2) C_{1-5}alkylX^{11}C(O)R^{62} (wherein X^{11} represents -O- or -NR^{63}- (in which R^{63} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{62} represents C_{1-3}alkyl, -$NR^{64}R^{65}$ or -OR^{66} (wherein R^{64}, R^{65} and R^{66} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C_{1-5}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

3) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{12}R^{67}$ (wherein X^{12} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -OC(O)-, -NR^{68}C(O)-, -C(O)NR^{69}-, -SO_2NR^{70}-, -$NR^{71}SO_2$- or -NR^{72}- (wherein R^{68}, R^{69}, R^{70}, R^{71} and R^{72} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{67} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

4) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{13}C_{1-5}$alkyl$X^{14}R^{73}$ (wherein X^{13} and X^{14} which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -NR^{74}C(O)-, -C(O)NR^{75}-, -SO_2NR^{76}-, -$NR^{77}SO_2$- or -NR^{78}- (wherein R^{74}, R^{75}, R^{76}, R^{77} and R^{78} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{73} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl);

5) R^{79} (wherein R^{79} is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

6) C_{1-5}alkylR^{79} (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{79} (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);

8) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{79} (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);

9) R^{80} (wherein R^{80} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -C(O)$NR^{81}R^{82}$, -NR^{83}C(O)R^{84} (wherein R^{81}, R^{82}, R^{83} and R^{84}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

10) C_{1-5}alkylR^{80} (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);

11) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{80} (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);

12) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{80} (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);

13) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{15}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{15} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -NR^{85}C(O)-, -C(O)NR^{86}-, -SO_2NR^{87}-, -$NR^{88}SO_2$- or -NR^{89}- (wherein R^{85}, R^{86}, R^{87}, R^{88} and R^{89} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

14) C_{2-5}alkenyl$X^{16}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{16} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{90}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{91}-$, $-SO_2NR^{92}-$, $-NR^{93}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{94}-$ (wherein R^{90}, R^{91}, R^{92}, R^{93} and R^{94} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

15) C_{2-5}alkynyl$X^{17}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{17} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{95}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{96}-$, $-SO_2NR^{97}-$, $-NR^{98}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{99}-$ (wherein R^{95}, R^{96}, R^{97}, R^{98} and R^{99} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

16) C_{1-4}alkyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{80} (wherein X^{18} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{100}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{101}-$, $-SO_2NR^{102}-$, $-NR^{103}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{104}-$ (wherein R^{100}, R^{101}, R^{102}, R^{103} and R^{104} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

17) C_{1-4}alkyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{79} (wherein X^{18} and R^{79} are as defined herein);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-5}alkenyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{79} (wherein X^{18} and R^{79} are as defined herein);

21) C_{2-5}alkynyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{79} (wherein X^{18} and R^{79} are as defined herein); and

22) C_{1-4}alkyl$R^{105}(C_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_x(X^{18})_yR^{106}$ (wherein X^{18} is as defined herein, x is 0 or 1, y is 0 or 1, and R^{105} and R^{106} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-

)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl) with the proviso that R^{105} cannot be hydrogen);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in $R^{56}X^{10}$- which is linked to X^{10} may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

with the proviso that one or more R^1 and/or one or more R^2 are selected from one of the following five groups:

(i) Q^1X^1-

wherein X^1 is as defined herein and Q^1 is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-6}fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

2) C_{1-5}alkylW^1Q^2 (wherein W^1 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -OC(O)-, $-NQ^3C(O)$-, $-C(O)NQ^4$-, $-SO_2NQ^5$-, $-NQ^6SO_2$- or $-NQ^7$- (wherein Q^3, Q^4, Q^5, Q^6 and Q^7 each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl or C_{1-4}haloalkyl) and Q^2 is as defined herein;

3) C_{1-5}alkylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

4) C_{2-5}alkenylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

5) C_{2-5}alkynylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

6) C_{1-4}alkylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NQ^8C(O)$-, $-C(O)NQ^9$-, $-SO_2NQ^{10}$-, $-NQ^{11}SO_2$- or $-NQ^{12}$- (wherein Q^8, Q^9, Q^{10}, Q^{11} and Q^{12} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl or C_{1-4}haloalkyl) and Q^2 is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 and Q^2 are as defined herein);

8) C_{2-5}alkynylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 and Q^2 are as defined herein);

9) C_{1-4}alkyl$Q^{13}(C_{1-4}$alkyl$)_j(W^2)_kQ^{14}$ (wherein W^2 is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and Q^{13} and Q^{14} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl), with the provisos that Q^{13} cannot be hydrogen and one or both of Q^{13} and Q^{14} must be a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group as defined

herein which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-6}fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group optionally bears 1 or 2 further substituents selected from those defined herein);

10) C_{1-4}alkyl$Q^{13}$$C_{1-4}$alkanoyl$Q^{14n}$ wherein Q^{13} is as defined herein and is not hydrogen and Q^{14n} is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom wherein Q^{14n} is linked to C_{1-6}alkanoyl through a nitrogen atom and wherein Q^{14n} optionally bears 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in Q^1X^1- which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$-

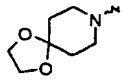
wherein W^3 represents –$NQ^{16}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NQ^{17}$-, -SO_2NQ^{18}-, -$NQ^{19}SO_2$- or –NQ^{20}- (wherein Q^{16}, Q^{17}, Q^{18}, Q^{19} and Q^{20} each independently represents C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}haloalkyl), and Q^{15} is C_{1-6}haloalkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl;

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}$alkylX^1- wherein W^4 represents –$NQ^{22}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NQ^{23}$-, -SO_2NQ^{24}-, -$NQ^{25}SO_2$- or –NQ^{26}- (wherein Q^{22}, Q^{23}, Q^{24}, Q^{25} and Q^{26} each independently

represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl or C_{1-4}haloalkyl), and Q^{21} represents C_{1-6}haloalkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl, and X^1 is as defined herein;

(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}$alkylX^1-, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}$alkenylX^1- or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}$alkynylX^1- wherein X^1 is as defined herein and Q^{28} is an imidazolidinyl group which bears two oxo substituents and one C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{3-10}cycloalkyl group which C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{3-10}cycloalkyl group may bear a hydroxy substituent on the carbon atom which is linked to the imidazolidinyl group, and wherein the C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{1-5}alkenyl or C_{1-5}alkynyl linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino; and

(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}$alkylX^1-, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}$alkenylX^1- or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}$alkynylX^1- wherein X^1 is as defined herein, the C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{1-5}alkenyl or C_{1-5}alkynyl linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino and Q^{29} is a group 1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl, which may be represented:



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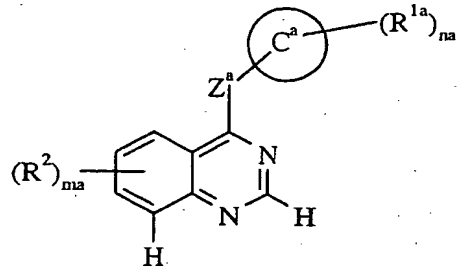
or R^1 may be selected from any of the groups defined herein and R^2 is 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;

or a salt thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula Ia:



(Ia)

wherein:

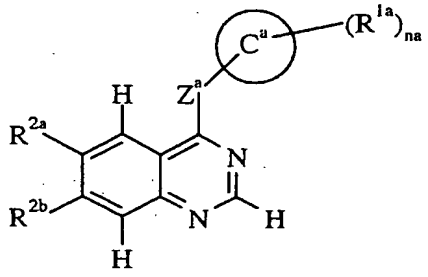
ring C^a is indolyl, indazolyl or azaindolyl;

R^{1a} is selected from oxo, hydroxy, C_{1-2}alkoxymethyl, amino, halogeno, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, C_{1-3}alkanoyl,
(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,
(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1,
(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$- wherein Q^{21}, W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
R^2 is as defined in claim 1;
ma is 0, 1, 2 or 3;
Z^a is -O- or -S-;
and na is 0, 1 or 2;
with the proviso that at least one R^2 is selected from (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) as defined in claim 1 in the definitions of R^2, and/or R^{1a} is selected from (i), (ii) and (iii) as defined herein,
or R^2 is 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;
or a salt thereof.

3. A compound according to claim 2 wherein ma is 2.

4. A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R^2 is selected from one of the five groups:
(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1;
(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$- wherein Q^{21}, W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1; and
(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
and/or R^2 represents methoxy, or R^2 represents 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy.

5. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula II:



(II)

wherein:

ring C^a is indolyl, indazolyl or azaindolyl;

R^{1a} is selected from oxo, hydroxy, C_{1-2}alkoxymethyl, amino, halogeno, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, C_{1-3}alkanoyl,

(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1; and

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$- wherein Q^{21}, W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;

R^{2a} and R^{2b}, are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkylsulphanyl, $-NR^{3a}R^{4a}$ (wherein R^{3a} and R^{4a}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl),

(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1,

(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$- wherein Q^{21}, W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1 or

(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1,

or R^{2a} and R^{2b} together form 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;

Z^a is -O- or -S-;

and na is 0, 1 or 2;

with the proviso that at least one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is selected from (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) as defined herein and/or R^{1a} is selected from (i), (ii) and (iii) as defined herein, or R^{2a} and R^{2b} together form 6,7-methylenedioxy or 6,7-ethylenedioxy;
or a salt thereof.

6. A compound according to claim 5 wherein R^{1a} is fluoro or methyl.

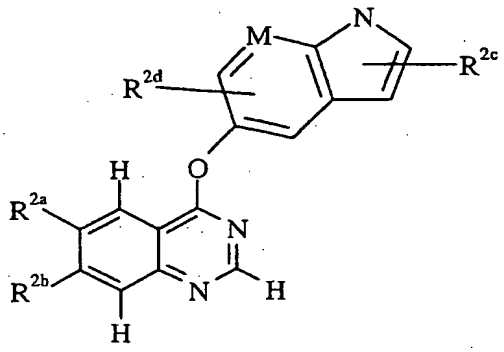
7. A compound according to claim 5 or claim 6 wherein Z^a is -O-.

8. A compound according to any one of claims 5, 6 and 7 wherein R^{2a} is methoxy and R^{2b} is selected from one of the five following groups:
(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1;
(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$- wherein Q^{21}, W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1; and
(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1.

9. A compound according to any one of claims 5, 6 and 7 wherein R^{2b} is methoxy and R^{2a} is selected from one of the five following groups:
(i) Q^1X^1 wherein Q^1 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
(ii) $Q^{15}W^3$ wherein Q^{15} and W^3 are as defined in claim 1;
(iii) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$- wherein Q^{21}, W^4 and X^1 are as defined in claim 1;
(iv) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{28}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{28} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1; and
(v) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$-, $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkenylX^1$- or $Q^{29}C_{2-5}alkynylX^1$- wherein Q^{29} and X^1 are as defined in claim 1.

10. A compound according to any one of claims 2 to 8 wherein the ring C^a is indol-5-yl, indol-6-yl, 7-azaindol-5-yl, indazol-5-yl or indazol-6-yl.

11. A compound according to claim 5 of the formula IId:



(IId)

wherein:

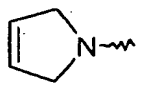
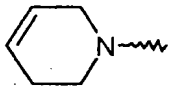
M is -CH- or -N-;

R^{2c} is linked to a carbon atom of the 5-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R^{2d} is linked to a carbon atom of the 6-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and fluoro;

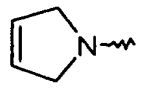
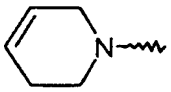
one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is methoxy and the other is Q^1X^1 wherein X^1 is as defined in claim 1 and Q^1 is selected from one of the following ten groups:

1) Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

 and  ,

which heterocyclic group bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl and which heterocyclic group may optionally bear a further 1 or 2 substituents selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl,

carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is selected from from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

 and  ,

which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

2) C_{1-5}alkylW^1Q^2 (wherein W^1 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -OC(O)-, -NQ^3C(O)-, -C(O)NQ^4-, -SO_2NQ^5-, -NQ^6SO_2- or –NQ^7- (wherein Q^3, Q^4, Q^5, Q^6 and Q^7 each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-2}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl or C_{1-4}haloalkyl) and Q^2 is as defined herein;

3) C_{1-5}alkylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

4) C_{2-5}alkenylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

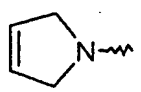
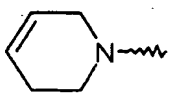
5) C_{2-5}alkynylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

6) C_{1-4}alkylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -NQ^8C(O)-, -C(O)NQ^9-, -SO_2NQ^{10}-, -$NQ^{11}SO_2$- or –NQ^{12}- (wherein Q^8, Q^9, Q^{10}, Q^{11} and Q^{12} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl or C_{1-4}haloalkyl) and Q^2 is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 and Q^2 are as defined herein);

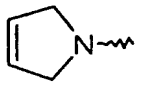
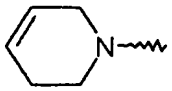
8) C_{2-5}alkynylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 and Q^2 are as defined herein);

9) C_{1-4}alkylQ^{13}(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_j$(W^2)$_k$$Q^{14}$ (wherein W^2 is as defined herein, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and Q^{13} and Q^{14} are each independently selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

 and  ,

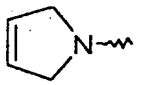
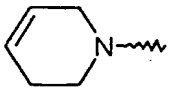
which heterocyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-}

$_6$alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

 and  ,

which heterocyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl), with the proviso that at least one of Q^{13} and Q^{14} bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl); and

10) C_{1-4}alkyl$Q^{13}$$C_{1-4}$alkanoyl$Q^{14n}$ wherein Q^{13} is as defined herein and Q^{14n} is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

 and  ,

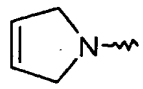
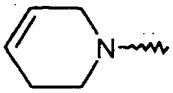
wherein Q^{14n} is linked to C_{1-6}alkanoyl through a nitrogen atom;

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in Q^1X^1- which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino;

or a salt thereof.

12. A compound according to claim 11 wherein one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is methoxy and the other is Q^1X^1 wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^1 is selected from one of the following four groups:

1) Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

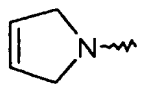
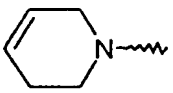
 and  ,

which heterocyclic group bears one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl;

2) C_{1-5}alkylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein);

3) C_{1-4}alkylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 is as defined in claim 11 and Q^2 is as defined herein);

4) C_{1-4}alkyl$Q^{13}(C_{1-4}$alkyl$)_j(W^2)_kQ^{14}$ (wherein W^2 is as defined in claim 11, j is 0 or 1, k is 0 or 1, and Q^{13} and Q^{14} are each independently selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl,

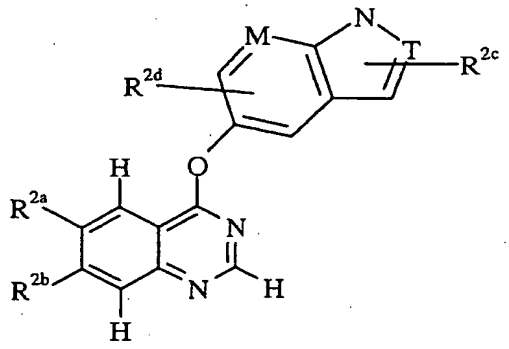
 and  ,

which heterocyclic group may bear 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl, oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl;

with the proviso that at least one of Q^{13} and Q^{14} bears at least one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl and C_{1-4}fluoroalkylsulphonyl);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, group in Q^1X^1- which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino.

13. A compound according to claim 5 of the formula IIh:



(IIh)

wherein:

M and T each independently represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom with the proviso that M and T cannot both be nitrogen atoms;

R^{2c} is linked to a carbon atom of the 5-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and methyl;

R^{2d} is linked to a carbon atom of the 6-membered ring and is selected from hydrogen and fluoro;

either R^{2a} and R^{2b} form 6,7-methylenedioxy or

one of R^{2a} and R^{2b} is methoxy and the other is selected from one of the following four groups:

(a) Q^1X^1-

wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^1 is selected from one of the following three groups:

1) Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and piperazinyl, which heterocyclic group bears one substituent selected from C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-6}fluoroalkyl, C_{1-6}alkanoyl, aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkanoyl, carbamoyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoylC_{1-6}alkyl and C_{1-6}alkylsulphonyl;

2) C_{1-5}alkylQ^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined herein); and

3) C_{1-4}alkylW^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2 (wherein W^2 represents -O- and Q^2 is as defined herein); and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl group in Q^1X^1- which is linked to X^1 may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy);
(b) $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}$alkylX^1- (wherein X^1 is -O-, W^4 is NQ^{26} (wherein Q^{26} is hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl) and Q^{21} is C_{2-5}alkynyl);
(c) $Q^{28}C_{1-5}$alkylX^1- wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^{28} is an imidazolidinyl group which bears two oxo substituents and one C_{1-6}alkyl group which C_{1-6}alkyl group bears a hydroxy substituent on the carbon atom which is linked to the imidazolidinyl group; and
(d) $Q^{29}C_{1-5}$alkylX^1- wherein X^1 is -O- and Q^{29} is a group 1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl;
or a salt thereof.

14. A compound according to claim 1 selected from:
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxy-6-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
6-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-{[(2*S*)-1-isobutyrylpyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy}-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-[3-(4-carbamoylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]quinazoline,
6-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxyquinazoline,
6-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-[3-(4-carbamoylmethyl)piperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-7-{2-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-[3-(4-prop-2-yn-1-ylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]quinazoline,
7-[1-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminoacetyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol)-5-yloxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

and salts thereof.

15. A compound according to claim 1 selected from:
6-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxyquinazoline,
7-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(7-azaindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-[2-(*N*-methyl-*N*-prop-2-yn-1-ylamino)ethoxy]quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxy-6-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylsulphonylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
6-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-7-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[(2*S*)-1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-[(2*R*)-1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-[1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy]quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{3-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{3-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}quinazoline,
7-{2-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{2-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]ethoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-[(1-isobutyrylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-{[(2*R*)-1-isobutyrylpyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy}-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{[1-(methylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]methoxy}quinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{[(2*S*)-1-(methylsulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy}quinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{[(2*R*)-1-(methylsulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy}quinazoline,

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4-[(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{3-[4-(2-propynyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}quinazoline,

7-{3-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-[3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-(1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-[(2*S*)-1-carbamoylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-{3-[4-carbamoylpiperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-{3-[2,5-dioxo-4-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)imidazolidin-1-yl]propoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

6-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)oxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxyquinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-methoxy-6-{[1-(methylsulphonyl)piperidin-4-yl]oxy}quinazoline,

4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxy-7-{2-[*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-propynyl)amino]ethoxy}quinazoline,

7-[3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-6-methoxy-4-[(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]quinazoline,

7-[3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-[3-(4-carbamoylmethylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{3-[4-(2-fluoroethyl)piperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-6-methoxy-4-[(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]quinazoline,
4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-7-{(2*R*)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-prop-2-yn-1-ylpiperazin-1-yl]propoxy}-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{(2*R*)-3-[(1,4-dioxa-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)]-2-hydroxypropoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
7-{(2*R*)-3-[4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxypropoxy}-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline,
and salts thereof.

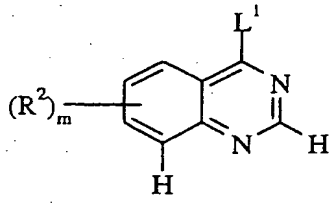
16. A compound according to claim 1 which is 7-(3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline and salts thereof.

17. A compound according to claim 1 which is 7-[2-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy]-4-[(4-fluoro-2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl)oxy]-6-methoxyquinazoline and salts thereof.

18. A compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5 in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

19. A process for the preparation of a compound according to claim 1 of the formula I or salt thereof which comprises:

(a) the reaction of a compound of the formula III:



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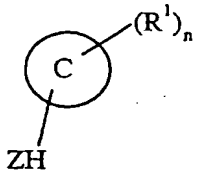
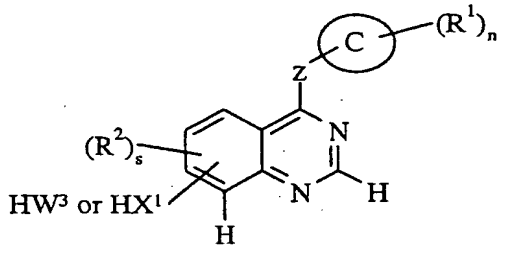
(wherein R^2 and m are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a displaceable moiety), with a compound of the formula IV:



(IV)

(wherein ring C, R^1, Z and n are as defined in claim 1);

(b) a compound of formula I and salts thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1, Q^1X^1, $Q^{15}W^3$ or $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$, wherein R^5, Q^1, Q^{15}, W^3, Q^{21} and W^4 are as defined in claim 1, and X^1 is -O-, -S-, -OC(O)- or $-NR^{10}-$ (wherein R^{10} independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) may be prepared by the reaction of a compound of the formula V:



(V)

(wherein ring C, Z, W^3, R^1, R^2 and n are as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is as defined in this section and s is an integer from 0 to 2) with one of the compounds of the formulae VIa-d:

R^5-L^1 (VIa)

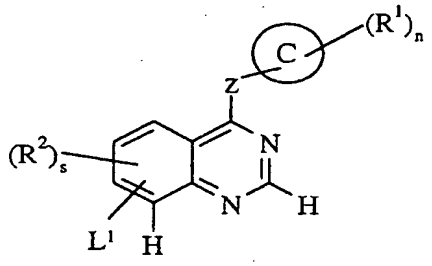
Q^1-L^1 (VIb)

Q^{15}-L^1 (VIc)

Q^{21}-W^4-$C_{1-5}alkyl$-L^1 (VId)

(wherein R^5, Q^1, Q^{15}, Q^{21} and W^4 are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is as defined herein);

(c) a compound of the formula I and salts thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1, Q^1X^1, $Q^{15}W^3$ or $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$, wherein R^5, Q^1, Q^{15}, W^3, Q^{21} and W^4 are as defined in claim 1, and X^1 is -O-, -S-, -OC(O)- or $-NR^{10}$- (wherein R^{10} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}$alkyl) may be prepared by the reaction of a compound of the formula VII:



(VII)

with one of the compounds of the formulae VIIIa-d:

R^5-X^1-H (VIIIa)

Q^1-X^1-H (VIIIb)

Q^{15}-W^3-H (VIIIc)

Q^{21}-W^4-C_{1-5}alkyl-X^1-H (VIIId)

(wherein s and L^1 are as defined herein, R^1, R^2, R^5, Q^1, Q^{15}, W^3, Q^{21}, W^4, ring C, Z and n are all as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is as defined in this section);

(d) a compound of the formula I and salts thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1, Q^1X^1, $Q^{21}W^4C_{1-5}alkylX^1$, $Q^{28}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ or $Q^{29}C_{1-5}alkylX^1$ wherein X^1 is as defined in claim 1, R^5 is $C_{1-5}alkylR^{113}$, wherein R^{113} is selected from one of the following nine groups:

1) $X^{19}C_{1-3}$alkyl (wherein X^{19} represents -O-, -S-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{114}C(O)$- or $-NR^{115}SO_2$- (wherein R^{114} and R^{115} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}$alkyl);

2) $NR^{116}R^{117}$ (wherein R^{116} and R^{117} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}$alkyl);

3) $X^{20}C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22}$ (wherein X^{20} represents -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{118}C(O)-$, $-NR^{119}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{120}-$ (wherein R^{118}, R^{119}, and R^{120} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and X^5 and R^{22} are as defined in claim 1);

4) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined in claim 1);

5) $X^{21}R^{29}$ (wherein X^{21} represents -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{121}C(O)-$, $-NR^{122}SO_2-$, or $-NR^{123}-$ (wherein R^{121}, R^{122}, and R^{123} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{29} is as defined in claim 1); and

6) $X^{22}C_{1-3}alkylR^{29}$ (wherein X^{22} represents -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{124}C(O)-$, $-NR^{125}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{126}-$ (wherein R^{124}, R^{125} and R^{126} each independently represents hydrogen, $C_{1-3}alkyl$ or $C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl$) and R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

7) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

8) $X^{22}C_{1-4}alkylR^{28}$ (wherein X^{22} and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1); and

9) $R^{54}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein q, r, X^9, R^{54} and R^{55} are as defined in claim 1);

Q^1 is $C_{1-5}alkylQ^{27}$ wherein Q^{27} is selected from:

10) W^1Q^2 (wherein W^1 and Q^2 are as defined in claim 1);

11) Q^2 (wherein Q^2 is as defined in claim 1);

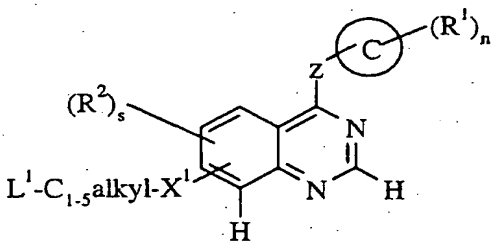
12) $W^2C_{1-4}alkylQ^2$ (wherein W^2 and Q^2 are as defined in claim 1); and

13) $Q^{13}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_j(W^2)_kQ^{14}$ (wherein W^2, j, k, Q^{13} and Q^{14} are as defined in claim 1);

14) $Q^{13}(C_{1-4}alkanoyl)Q^{14n}$ (wherein Q^{13} and Q^{14n} are as defined in claim 1), and

Q^{21}, W^4, Q^{28} and Q^{29} are as defined in claim 1,

may be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula IX:



(IX)

(wherein L^1 and s are as defined herein, X^1, R^1, R^2, ring C, Z and n are as defined in claim 1) with one of the compounds of the formulae Xa-e:

R^{113}-H (Xa)

Q^{27}-H (Xb)

Q^{21}-W^4-H (Xc)

Q^{28}-H (Xd)

Q^{29}-H (Xe)

(wherein R^{113} and Q^{27} are as defined herein and Q^{21}, W^4, Q^{28} and Q^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

(e) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein one or more of the substituents $(R^2)_m$ is represented by $-NR^{127}R^{128}$, where one (and the other is hydrogen) or both of R^{127} and R^{128} are C_{1-3}alkyl, may be effected by the reaction of compounds of formula I wherein the substituent $(R^2)_m$ is an amino group and an alkylating agent; or

(f) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein X^1 is -SO- or $-SO_2-$ may be prepared by oxidation from the corresponding compound in which X^1 is -S- or -SO-;

and when a salt of a compound of formula I is required, reaction of the compound obtained with an acid or base whereby to obtain the desired salt.

20. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

21. Use of a compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal.

22. A method for producing an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal, such as a human being, in need of such

treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 5, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. The compound 7-benzyloxy-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline or a salt thereof.

24. The compound 4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-hydroxy-6-methoxyquinazoline or a salt thereof.

25. A process for the preparation of 5-bromo-7-azaindole comprising:
step 1: the reduction of 7-azaindole to give 7-azaindoline; followed by
step 2: the bromination of 7-azaindoline to give 5-bromo-7-azaindoline; followed by
step 3: the oxidation of 5-bromo-7-azaindoline to give 5-bromo-7-azaindole.

26. A process for the production of 5-methoxy-7-azaindole comprising mixing a solution of the following materials in relative quantities according to the amounts given herein:
5-bromo-7-azaindole (8.6 g, 44 mmol), copper (I) bromide (12.6 g, 88 mmol) and sodium methoxide (100 g, 1.85 mol) in a mixture of "degassed" DMF (260 mls) and methanol (175 mls);
stirring the resulting mixture at ambient temperature in a nitrogen atmosphere; and then heating the mixture at reflux.